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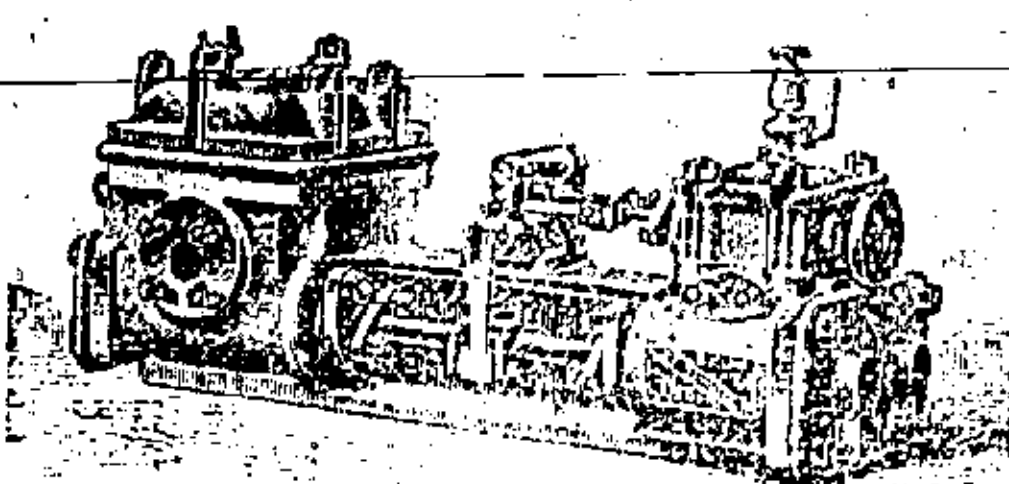
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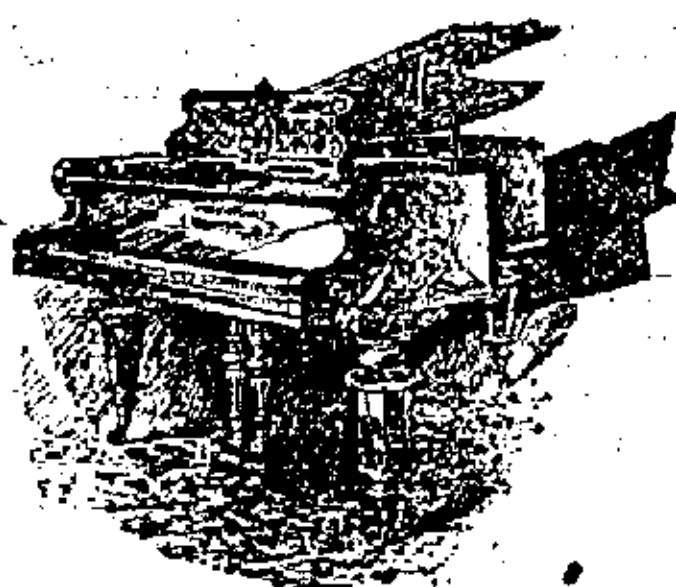
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MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a
MEETING of the Board of Direc-
tors of the above Company, held at the
Registered Office of the Company, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March,
1900, the following resolutions were passed:

1. That in pursuance of the provisions
of the Special Resolution passed at
an Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company held on the 7th,
and confirmed on the 27th March
instant, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 to be withdrawn
from the Reserve Fund and be
carried as of the 2nd July next,
to the Credit of Capital Account,
each share being credited with a
sum of \$25 as paid up thereon, in
addition to the sum of \$50 now
standing to the credit of each share.
2. That the balance of \$25 per share
of the Unpaid Capital of the Com-
pany be called up, and that a Call
be and is hereby made of \$25 per
share upon all the shares of the
Company, and that the Share-
holders be requested to pay the
same to the Company's Bankers,
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation, at their premises,
Queen's Road Central, on or before
the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
promptly.
And Notice is also given that, in accor-
dance with Article 31 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest will be
charged as from the said 2nd day of July
1900, at the rate of 8 1/2 per centum per
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 2nd day of July 1900, up to the
actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,
A. SHELDON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 27, 1900.

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THE 'STAR' FERRY COMPANY,

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NOTICE is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the 'STAR' FERRY
CO., LIMITED, will be held at the
Company's Office, No. 2, Connaught Road,
Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the 11th day of June, 1900, at 12.30 o'clock in
the Afternoon, when the SUBORDINATE
RESOLUTION, which was passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting of the
Company held on the 23rd day of May,
1900, will be submitted for confirmation as a
SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

That the Regulations contained in Table
A in so far as they apply to this Company
be altered as follows:
That the following clause be substituted
for Clause 37 of Table A: "The
quorum for all the purposes of a
General Meeting shall be not less
than five members present in per-
son or by proxy. No business
shall be transacted at any General
Meeting unless the quorum re-
quired be present at the commence-
ment of the business."
By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 23, 1900.

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THE 'STAR' FERRY COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ISSUE of \$100,000 NEW CAPITAL.
15,000 SHARES of \$10 EACH, \$2.50 PAID
UP. AT A PREMIUM OF \$1.00 PER
SHARE, \$1.50 PAID UP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Issue
of \$100,000 NEW CAPITAL, which was
sanctioned at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on 2nd May,
1900, will be offered to those persons who
are Registered as Shareholders on the 9th
June, 1900, in the proportion of One New
Share to Every Old Share.

The New Shares will be issued at a
Premium of 50 making a Total Payment of
\$15 per Share, of which \$2.50 per Share
and \$1.50 Premium—\$4 in all, will be
PAYABLE on the 15th June, 1900, and
the balance when called for.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 9th June
to the 11th June, both days inclusive.
By Order,
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 23, 1900.

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Business Notices.

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THE LIVES who Signed the Edition
of the above-named COMMISSION are re-
spectfully requested to assist the Commis-
sion in the conduct of its Enquiries by
communicating in writing as early as possi-
ble all facts within their experience bearing
on the question of the rise in Price of
Provisions in the Colony. List of Prices
paid for the more Ordinary Articles of Food
produced locally, as for example, Beans,
Lentils, Rice, Fish, Meat, Apples,
Bananas, Vegetables and Fruit at various
periods during the last Five Years will
be extremely valuable. Similar Lists
showing the Prices at different times, of
Wheat, Coal, Charcoal and Oil, will also
be of value.

All Persons who feel themselves in a
position to throw any light on the subject
either as regards the fact of the rise in
Prices or as to the causes or causes thereof,
are respectfully requested to communicate
with the Undersecretary in writing or, if they
prefer, to tender themselves for interview
as Witnesses.

JNO. J. FRANKS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, May 30, 1900.

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OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL
CALL of \$0.50 per SHARE has
been made in respect of the 'A' SHARES
in the above-named Company, and that
such CALL is PAYABLE to the General
Managers, on the 17th day of July Next
at the Offices of the Company, 38 and 40,
Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 16, 1900.

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Hongkong, May 19, 1900.

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Hongkong, May 29, 1900.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.

LECTURE.

IN AID OF THE INDIAN FAMINE

FUND.

WEDNESDAY

On the 13th June, 1900, at 9.20 p.m.,

Captain PERCY SCOTT, R.N., C.B.,

and Captain A. H. LIMPS, R.N., will

Notes from the Philippines.

A squadron of mounted native scouts to be designated the Philippine Cavalry is being organized.

A telegram to the *Manila Times*, dated New York, June 1, states that the Venezuelan revolution is at an end. Hernandez, the revolutionary leader, has been captured.

A New York telegram dated May 29 announces that the three dynamiters arrested in connection with the blowing up of the Welland Canal Locks have each been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The opinion prevails throughout the southern provinces of Luzon and Samar that arms are being shipped into the country in large quantities. A friend of an officer in the Philippines asserts that he has seen them packing rifles in their barrels in Hongkong.

The presence of the British India Company's steamship *Emilia* in Hongkong harbour recently may find some explanation in the announcement in the *Manila Times* that the B. I. Company has been sending to Manila over a year and has done so well that the service is to be extended to China and Japan.

Telegraphic advice has been received of three days' running skirmish in Cagayan between Major March with a party and a band of insurgents, in which an insurgent officer was slain and proof obtained that his rank in the rebel army is very high, with a strong probability of his being Aguinaldo himself.

A pseudo-journalist named Hadden in under arrest at Manila on a charge of having defrauded some of the foreign consuls in the city. It is alleged that Hadden with several others visited the Consuls, and claiming to represent the press of Manila, obtained a scheme to hold a dinner, at the Consuls' expense, and entertain the Civil Commissioners. Each Consul was informed that the rest of the consuls had acquiesced or promised to do so, and some of the consuls fell into the trap.

On May 29, the insurgent forces about 200 strong attacked San Miguel de Mayno, and made an attempt to capture the place. Captain Roberts of the U.S. Volunteers took a detachment of his company to turn the enemy's flank, when the insurgents discovered the move and poured a fearful fire into the force. The men became unmanageable, lost their heads and fled in disorder, leaving Captain Roberts on the field alone, calling on his men to return. The insurgent commander took the situation at once, and in a few minutes had Capt. Roberts surrounded and cut off, and he fell a prisoner to the insurgents.

The authorities at Dagupan have unearthed a large counterfeiting plant in a Chinese establishment, where several hundred of bad money were also discovered. A native was also arrested with several thousands' worth of the brown Spanish five-dollar bill and a large box of counterfeit Mexican dollars. It is evident that a large gang are operating upon a mammoth scale in the island, in which are several Americans or Europeans as leaders. Agents are sent here and there to certain places apart who handle the bad money in commission, they securing the sub-agents to whom they sell or trade the bogus at low fixed rates.

Extraordinary Behaviour of a Naval Officer.

An individual who, unfortunately for the traditions of the Royal Navy, holds the rank of sub-lieutenant (he'll never hold a higher rank unless he trends his way) on board one of Her Majesty's ships in Hongkong, was on Saturday night checked by an Indian Constable for disagreeing conduct on the street. He resisted, the constable's interference by giving him a blow on the breast. P. C. Moir witnessed the assault and went over to reconnoitre with the 'sub' for hitting the Indian, but at our 'handy man' would have none of it and promptly closed the discussion by hitting Moir a blow which almost closed up one of his eyes. The 'handy' then took to his heels, using a cane freely on the offending Chinese who might be impeding the freedom of his flight. Police-sergeants Macsway and Smith were luckily in the neighbourhood and pointed upon the runaway at the foot of Hollywood Road. The captive struggled violently and had practically to be carried part of the way to the station. Finding he could not use his hands he tried to insert his teeth in Sergeant Macsway, but the officers of the law were too 'cute' for this dodge to come off successfully. At the Magistrate, to-day, before Mr. Hazeland, prisoner was charged with unseemly conduct on the street and assaulting the police. He pleaded not guilty, but after evidence was given, he was found guilty and sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

The Straits Governorship.

The Singapore Press hears through private sources that among the private affairs that look Sir Henry McCallum over to London from Newfoundland was a certain personal interest. H. E. has in the ultimate disposal of the Straits Settlements Governorship. Nothing is available yet to show that any decision will be made immediately.

Mr Herbert Smith.

The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* will take home to-morrow Mr. Herbert Smith, until the other day the resident manager of the firm of Messrs Butterfield & Swire in this Colony. We congratulated the Chamber of Commerce, and the Colony generally, not long ago, upon the appointment of Mr. Smith to the Legislative Council, and now we have to join with most residents in expressing regret at his departure. His absence will be a great loss to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Colony. In his position of Vice-President of the Chamber he has done yeoman service, and much was expected of him as a M. L. C. His numerous friends in Hongkong wish him everything that is good wherever he goes, and will be only too glad to see him back again in the Colony for which he has done so much.

How Chinese obtain Firearms.

Leung Sik was, at the Magistrate's yesterday, charged with being in illegal possession of four Winchester rifles. Mr. Mounsey, who appeared for the defendant, said his client returned from San Francisco in the *Rio de Janeiro*, and proposed going on to Canton. When in San Francisco he was asked to take four Winchester rifles to Canton as personal luggage, the hills being made out to a firm in Canton, and during the circumstances he asked his Worship to impose a nominal penalty and allow the defendant to proceed to Canton with the arms. Inspector Gauld admitted that what Mr. Mounsey had said was correct. Sergeant Gurdley said a lot of arms were taken into China in this way. Mr. Hazeland imposed a fine of \$5 and ordered the arms to be forfeited, telling Mr. Mounsey he had better apply to the Colonial Secretary and see whether he would allow the defendant to have the arms.

The Masampo Dispute.

Regarding the Masampo dispute, the Tokyo correspondent of the *Nagasaki Press* writes: "This vexatious affair seems to be still dragging through its wearisome routine of official negotiations between the Japanese and Russian Ministers in Seoul. The unfortunate Japanese owner of the land, who has been shut out of his holding by the Russian authorities, desired the Russian to exchange it for a piece of land owned by them elsewhere. This proposal was declined. The Russian authorities simply wanted him to give up the possession of his land; but the deed of transfer signed between himself and the Korean authorities being found to be illegitimate, the Russian officers thought it best to demolish it by diplomacy. Under the circumstances, the Japanese owner could do better than leave the whole case in the hands of the Japanese Minister. This officer is now advising his national to hold the land over to the Russian authorities in consideration of a pecuniary compensation. If a sufficient sum could be obtained to cover the actual expenses involved and to remunerate him for all the trouble he has had, the matter might be settled amicably. But the Czar's representative appears to be determined not to respect the owner's wish or his claim. Hence the present deadlock. According to the latest intelligence from Fusan, it appears that the Japanese Minister is bringing official pressure to bear upon the man to accept the Russian offer. This state of things is not calculated to inspire confidence in the capacity of Japanese diplomats. Already a paper like the *Asahi*, which has no axe to grind against the Foreign Office, has taken a strong attitude in the matter and is denouncing the action of the Foreign Minister."

Foreigners in Japan.

The *Asahi* has a note about the refusal of foreigners to pay the business tax. The 15th instant was the date appointed for payment, but only one-third of those liable have met the call. The French and German residents, our contemporary says, are conspicuous in their opposition. One well-known German resident called at the local office, said that he was not under any obligation to pay the tax, and wished to return the notice served on him. The local office was of course unable to give him any satisfaction. It had merely obeyed instructions. It is certainly most unfortunate that some definite understanding cannot be arrived at in this matter. The attitude of the section of the foreign residents who are unwilling to pay will surely be misconstrued by the Japanese public at large, with the result that fresh ground will be afforded for the prevalent idea that in his relations with the Japanese the average foreigner is an arbitrary, masterful, and defiant sort of person. There is not the least unwillingness on the part of foreigners, whatever their nationality, to pay whatever taxes they are justly liable for. But many of them believe that the treaties confer exemption from any tax upon their houses, property or on the rest of their land. They have stated their reasons for that view, and pending settlement of the question, they are unwilling to pay. Their proper course, in our opinion, would be to pay, trusting their diplomatic representatives to recover the money for them should it be proved to have been wrongly collected. But whatever view may be entertained about that matter, it cannot be too clearly understood that there is no desire to defy the authorities or to evade liabilities. There is a discussion that is all; and until some final decision is reached, the foreign residents best to pay, especially as, in one instance at all events, he has been desired by his Consul not to do so.—*Japan Mail*.

UNNECESSARY LOSS OF TIME.

A severe sprain will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. Many cases have occurred, however, in which a cure has been effected in less than one week by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. For sale by all Dealers, Watkins & Co., Gen. Agents.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LORD ROBERTS' ADVANCE.
COMMANANT AND HUNDRED
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FIERCE FIGHTING AT ORANGE RIVER.
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, June 4, 4.25 a.m.

Lord Roberts having made arrangements for the maintenance of order in Johannesburg is moving the main body of the forces under his command on to Pretoria.

A Boer Commandant and a hundred men and several guns have been captured at Johannesburg.

Fierce fighting has taken place at the Orange River.

A battalion of Yeomanry were menaced at Lindley by a large command of Boers, and were rescued by the force under General Buller's command after a prolonged engagement.

The British lost 20 men.

General Buller, with the ninth division, including the High Land Brigade in command of General Hector Macdonald, has reoccupied Helbronn. The Boers were strongly posted and offered a stubborn resistance.

General Buller's division and Colonials in command of General Drabant are having some stiff fighting in the neighbourhood of Ficksburg.

Sir Charles Warren, the Military Governor of Griqualand West, repulsed a large force of rebels at Douglas. On the British side, the losses were Colonel Spence killed, and fifty killed and wounded.

REUTERS SERVICE.

London, 2nd June.

THE WAR.

The High Land Brigade arrived at Helbronn on the 29th May having been opposed all the way from Johannesburg. Casualties 8 men killed, 4 officers and 32 men wounded.

Reuters' Correspondent at Windburg, 31st May, says that General Buller's object on the 29th May was to draw the enemy from Lindley where 500 Yeomanry were isolated; the object was attained, but the engagement lasted all day. The Boers occupied a lofty kopje. The Gaurds lost heavily owing to the accidental firing of the rifle by one of our men by which means the Boer ranks were rendered conspicuous. The Gaurds lost 33 killed and 98 wounded. Scots Guards 4 killed and 17 wounded.

THE ADVANCE ON PRETORIA.

Telegrams from the Transvaal have stopped; the latest one stated that the Boers held all the positions round Pretoria.

London, 3rd June.

The enemy is still at Laing's Nek. A few Boer Scouts guard the passes of the Drakensburg. Johannesburg is quiet and the people are surrendering arms and ponies. Only three Boers were left in the fort. General Roberts at Johannesburg on Friday says that Brig-General Weyland's brigade remains to maintain order in Johannesburg and to rest. The troops are encamped on the Pretoria road. The occupation of the town passed off satisfactorily, thanks to the excellent arrangements of Commandant Krause. The officials have consented to remain at their posts pending further arrangements.

The Relief of Mafeking.

London, May 21.—A despatch from Lord Roberts dated Johannesburg to-day, says: Colonel Mahon joined Colonel Plumer at Johannesburg on the 16th instant. The Boer commando from Maraisburg attacked Colonel Mahon in a thick bush on the 13th, killing five and wounding 24. The Boer loss was heavier. Colonel Buller-Powell reports that, on the 13th, 250 Boers, under Commandant Kloof, rushed his platoon and entered the British camp, on the westward side. Kloof's force was divided and was surrounded. The fighting lasted all day and at nightfall they surrendered. "The remainder of the enemy were driven off by a heavy fire. The Boers left ten dead and fifteen wounded, besides 108 prisoners including Commandant Kloof and nine officers, also seven British and many German. The British loss was six killed and eleven wounded.

Lord Methuen is co-operating with Lord Roberts not with General Buller.

A despatch from Lord Roberts dated Johannesburg to-day, says: Colonel Mahon reports the advance on Mafeking at four on the morning of the 13th and was stubbornly opposed by 1,600 of the enemy on the 17th, nine miles from Mafeking. The Boers were driven from the strong position they held after five hours' fighting. Colonel Mahon says he has to thank the troops for the magnificent qualities they displayed. The Canadian Light Infantry rendered most valuable assistance. Colonel Mahon's casualties were about 30 but those of the Boers were heavy.

THE BOXER MOVEMENT.

The following Imperial Decree issued on 29th May, with reference to, the recent Boer outrages near Peking is translated by the *N. O. Daily News*:

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